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WATER COMPANY REQUIRED TO SUPPLY PURE WATER.

A WATER COMPANY RESTRAINED BY THE COURTS FROM COLLECTING WATER RATES FOR A PERIOD DURING WHICH THE WATER WAS UNWHOLESOME.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has decided that under the laws of Pennsylvania users of water can not be required to pay for water furnished for domestic use which is impure and unwholesome. The court quoted the following from a former opinion:

It is inequitable that a corporation chartered to serve a "public use" and actually undertaking to serve the public with one of the necessities of life should be allowed to collect the price of a supply of good water from those to whom it delivers an article that can not be used. * * * The remedy is to order the company to render better service, and to suspend its rights to collect rents until water is furnished that can be used with reasonable safety to its customers.

The opinion appears in this issue of the Public Health Reports, page 859.

DIET AND PELLAGRA.

RABBITS AND HARES AS A POSSIBLE DIETARY FACTOR IN COMBATING THE DISEASE.

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Whatever academic questions remain to be solved in respect to the causation of pellagra, the practical point is established that diet is a dominating factor in its cause, cure, and prevention.

From a practical point of view the great question now to be solved is: How can the diet in pellagra districts be improved most rapidly so as to contain sufficient meat, milk, eggs, peas, and beans?

Having spent a number of years among the white families in which pellagra is especially liable to develop, and therefore being fairly familiar with the general conditions involved, the writer has been considering the difficulties and possibilities in the premises and has a suggestion to make which may be of practical value in reference to an increased meat supply. Only actual trial, however, will determine whether this suggestion is more theoretical than practical.

It is an easy matter to say that the meat and milk diet of these people should be increased, but it is a more difficult matter to say how this may be done.